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1. AS AGREED BY AMBASSADOR TAPE AND SOUTH AFRICAN
AEC CHAIRMAN ROUX (REFTEL, PARA 3) MISOFF HAS WRITTEN,
AND PASSED TO SOUTH AFRICAN AMBASSADOR VON SCHIRNDING FOR
TRANSMISSION TO ROUX, BRIEF GUIDE TO
IAEA DOCUMENTS ON ENRICHMENT PLANT SAFEGUARDS. (COPIES
POUCHED TO STIEFF/ACDA, KRATZER/OES, AND AMMONS AND
HAMMOND/ERDA).

2. RE POTENTIAL SOUTH AFRICAN DESIRE FOR MORE BINDING
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FOR PROTECTION OF PROPRIETARY TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION

AT ENRICHMENT PLANTS, MISSION CONTINUES TO BELIEVE BEST OPTION WOULD BE DIRECT DISCUSSION BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND AGENCY. MISOFF TOLD VON SCHIRNDING, AS WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY IG ROMETSCH, THAT AGENCY WOULD CERTAINLY BE WILLING TO WORK OUT "EXAMPLE" FACILITY ATTACHMENT WITH SOUTH AFRICA. IN VIEW OF AGENCY WILLINGNESS TO WORK WITH THEM, WE SEE NO REASON FOR SOUTH AFRICA, WITH NO EXPERIENCE, TO DRAFT FACILITY ATTACHMENT ALONE.

3. MISOFF HAS ALSO DISCUSSED ENRICHMENT PLANT SAFEGUARDS STATUS WITH UK, FRG, AND DUTCH REPS AT OCTOBER SAFEGUARDS SYMPOSIUM. HEIL (FRG) SAID THAT CONTRARY TO REPORT IN PARA 11, REFTTEL C, FRG HAS NO NEW ENRICHMENT PLANT ACCOUNTANCY DATA TO REPORT AT THIS TIME. HE BELIEVES THAT FURTHER IAEA WORKING GROUP ON SUBJECT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE EARLY NEXT YEAR. HEIL MADE INTERESTING COMMENT THAT FRG IS CURRENTLY REEXAMINING ISSUE OF EXTENT OF INSPECTOR ACCESS AT URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANTS, IMPLICATION BEING THAT FRG WISHES TO ASSURE ADEQUACY OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS. COMMENT: PROBABLE EXPLANATION IS FRG SALE OF NOZZLE ENRICHMENT TECHNOLOGY TO BRAZIL, WHICH WILL PUT FRG IN POSITION OF NEEDING TO DEFEND ADEQUACY OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON PLANT IN BRAZIL. END COMMENT. HEIL FEELS THAT SHOWING APPROPRIATE SECTIONS OF ALMELO TRILATERAL TO SOUTH AFRICA COULD BE CONSIDERED. HE WILL TRY TO HAVE FURTHER COMMENTS SOON. BROWN AND HUGHES (UK) SAID DURING VERY BRIEF DISCUSSION, THERE SHOULD BE FURTHER IAEA CONSULTANTS MEETING ON SUBJECT "ONLY WHEN THERE IS SOMETHING NEW TO SAY." HARRY (NETHERLANDS) HAD NO STRONG VIEWS ON SUBJECT.

4. RE RESOLUTION OF ANY OUTSTANDING DIFFERENCE IN POSITIONS OF US AND TRIPARTITE, MISSION NOTES THAT CURRENT "STATE OF PLAY," REPRESENTED BY "ROPER DRAFT" STM SECTIONS, IS ALMOST EXACTLY WHAT WE WANTED. ANY METHOD OF GIVING ROPER DRAFT INCREASED STATUS (E.G. BOARD APPROVAL) COULD RESULT IN REOPENING ISSUE AND THEREFORE CONTAINS SOME RISK OF RETROGRESSIVE CHANGES. ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER HAND, HEIGHTENED NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERN AND NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS DISCUSSIONS MIGHT PROVIDE PROPER FRAMEWORK FOR GETTING FROM TRIPARTITE EXPLICIT ENDORSEMENT OF NEED FOR EXTENSIVE SURVEILLANCE AND CONTAINMENT MEASURES AT ENRICHMENT PLANTS. MISSION WILL COMMENT FURTHER IN NEAR FUTURE. LABOWITZ

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